C.R.A. Course

*189 Q.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of students in the C.R.A. Course in the Barnard Institute of Radiology, General Hospital, Madras, during 1961–62 ; and

(b) whether stipends have been paid to them during the above period and, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (a) Twenty.

(b) Yes, Sir. The second part of the question does not arise.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know, Sir, when the stipends were paid?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : They were paid on the 31st May 1962.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is it after the representation that the stipends were not paid for a long time, that these stipends were paid to the students?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Certainly not, Sir.

Smallpox

*190 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) when the original virus of smallpox was received by the King Institute, Guindy, for the manufacture of vaccine;

(b) whether the potency of the vaccine has been tested periodically to find out the nature of the antigen in the vaccine; and

(c) the process of the manufacture of vaccine?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (a) In 1957, Sir.

(b) Yes.

(c) Vaccine lymph is manufactured from Cow and Buffalo calves by scarification of the skin of calves 1½ to 2 years old and collected, processed and standardized, as per standard methods.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact, Sir, that the original virus that was received by the King Institute about the end of the 18th Century has lost its anti-genetic properties and that is why so many cases of smallpox have occurred in people who have been vaccinated and have the Government any method of finding out the protective value of the original virus?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : I do not think it is correct, Sir.